

50/50 lottery winners



Ashton Village Group

November 2013

First	Brian Nevison	£73.75
Second	Marion Wilson	£44.75
Third	Heather Slack	£14.75

59 members - Church donation £147.50
Christmas bonus stands at £155.75

The Christmas Bonus to be drawn in December !!!

For more information, Contact
Bron Kenny (01604 864914)
67 Stoke Road, bronkenny@tiscali.co.uk

Ashton Mums and Tots group

Come and join our Mums and Tots group held in the school on
Thursday afternoons 13.30-15.15.

contact Lynne Turnbull 075454 62892.

Useful Contacts

Parish Council Chairman - Terry Turvey 863627
Parish Council Clerk - John Marshall 07505 139832
Ashton District Councillor - Martin Wilson 864254
County Councillor - Allen Walker 01908 260302
Footpath Warden - Terry Turvey 863627
Neighbourhood Watch - Carl Johnson 861429

Village Internet Site - www.ashtonvillage.co.uk

Articles for A.V.N. to David Farrand, 20 Hartwell Road Telephone 863225 or david@farrand.co.uk

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Saturday Drop In

We meet - Every 3rd Saturday of the month 10.30-12 noon.
(Next one December 21st)

Why not call in for a coffee, a chat and a chance to buy a homemade cake and browse the book stock?

This month we will be serving mulled wine and mince pies to help get the Christmas season off to a good start.

Please come along especially if you have not dropped in for a while - we look forward to your visit!

Wendy Turvey. 01604 863 627

PILATES

Tuesday 7pm-8pm -
Willison Centre, Roade

Friday 9.30am - Roade
Methodist Church Hall



BODY CONDITIONING

Wednesday 10-11am - Roade Methodist
Church Hall

*Have a wonderful Christmas &
see you in the New Year*

Tel Sue 07587155018

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Family
Christmas Disco

AT ASHTON MENS' OWN RUGBY CLUB

ADULTS £2
CHILDREN £1

7 - 10pm



With DJ Terry Caffee

HAMPER RAFFLE - CHOCOLATE RAFFLE - TIPPLE RAFFLE - KIDS PARTY

LICENSED BAR

Friday December 6th

CAROL SINGING ROUND ASHTON VILLAGE

COME AND JOIN THE FUN AND HELP RAISE
MONEY FOR THE HOPE CENTER IN
NORTHAMPTON.

WE WILL BE MEETING ON THURSDAY
19th DECEMBER 6.00PM
at The OLD CROWN
WE HELPED TO RAISE OVER £150.00 LAST
YEAR SO LETS SEE IF WE CAN DO IT AGAIN...!



The Ashton Womble – Litter picking in the village

We have noticed that there is a fair bit of litter about and have decided to have a litter pick on **Sunday December 8th at 11:00, Meet up on at the Old Crown car park.**

Please come along and join us. Pickers, vests, gloves and black bags will be provided. We usually pick for about an hour and hope that with enough people we can cover all three of the main routes in the village. No need to book, just come along.

Towcester Food Bank

We are aware that there are people with real financial problems who cannot always afford to eat. They are helped by Towcester Food Bank www.towcester.foodbank.org.uk.
The Food Bank relies on donations from the public.



Care professionals such as doctors, health visitors, social workers, CAB and the police identify people in crisis and issue them with a food voucher.

These are brought to the food bank centre where they can be redeemed for three days emergency food. They also runs a rural delivery service, which takes emergency food boxes to people who can not afford to get to the food bank.

The food bank can only take packets and tins not perishables.

We are planning a collection to help them. We will have a collection bin at the Christmas Market at the School on the afternoon of December 13th and will be knocking on doors on Saturday December 14th just in case you have something for us.

THE 12 O'CLOCK CLUB

10th December 2013
2 courses for £10

Smoked haddock & salmon fishcakes with chips & tartar sauce
or
Pork shoulder dansak with pilau rice & poppadom

Bakewell tart with ice cream

PLEASE CALL THE OLD CROWN TO BOOK YOUR SPACE, 01604862268
ALTERNATIVELY EMAIL bex@theoldcrownashton.co.uk OR POP IN & SEE US!

Coffee Mornings.



Everyone is welcome to the coffee mornings, held monthly throughout the autumn and winter. The next one will be held at **2, Cooks Close** on **Friday December 13th** from 10.30am to 12o'clock.

There will be a raffle, bring and buy and a few cakes for sale, but mainly it is to come along to meet people and have a chat. Any proceeds go towards Church funds. Come along and make some new friends.

Ashton Church events

The **Share is a magazine** distributed throughout the Salcey Benefice which includes Hartwell, Roade, Courteenhall and Collingtree as well as Ashton. It gives information about services and events within these villages and can help you keep in touch with what is going on local to your parish. It can be delivered monthly to your door for a cost of £7 for the whole year. If you are interested, please ring Marion on 864254 or Bron on 864914

The **Village Carol Service** will be held at St Michael's on Sunday 15th December at 10.30am. This is a lovely family service in which the school takes a part. Everyone is welcome to come along and join in. Refreshments will be served after the service.

Christmas Day Morning.

Canon Hillary Davidson will be taking a **Holy Communion service** in the Church at 8.15am with carols. If you are already up to fit the turkey in the oven, why not come along and celebrate the true reason for Christmas. It will make a meaningful and peaceful start to the day.

Coffee Morning at 2 Cooks Close on Friday December 13th. Why risk going to town on such a dodgy date? Come and enjoy a drink and chat in a lovely warm house instead. Everyone welcome

What's On in Ashton ? Kindly compiled by Sandra Lemon

December 3rd – Bell Ringing at the Church. This is fortnightly between Ashton and Roade. Come and learn to bell ring, it is sociable, great fun and wonderful exercise.

December 5th - Mums & Tots in the School at 1:30 p.m. A good way to introduce your little one to other children and to meet other parents or even grandparents

December 6th – ASPA Family Disco 7pm – 10pm at Men's Own Rugby Club

December 8th – Sunday School at St Michael's and All Angels Church, Ashton at 10:30 a.m.

December 8th – The Ashton Womble – Litter Picking at it's best – 11:00 at The Old Crown Car Park come along and help tidy up the village ready for the holidays. We could do with some new recruits to help us with this important job

December 10th – The 12 O'clock Club at the Old Crown. This month's menu will be circulated. All welcome but you must book. Just ring the Old Crown on 01604 862268

December 10th – Bell Ringing at the Church.

December 12th- Mums & Tots in the School at 1:30 pm

December 13th – Coffee Morning coffee mornings are held in different locations once a month in aid of St Michaels and All Angels Church. This month it is at **2 Cooks Close** between 10:30 and 12:00. These friendly events are a lovely way to meet people and enjoy a chat and a cup of coffee.

December 13th - Christmas Market at Ashton C Of E Primary School at 2:30

December 14th – Door to door food collection in aid of Towcester Food Bank

December 15th – Carol Service at St Michael's and All Angels 10:30 am

December 15th – Decorating the Tree on Stoke Road Green. This year the Parish Council have kindly donated 5 sets of lights for the tree so it should really sparkle. If you have any unwanted tree decorations or if you can make or donate bird food decorations they would be most welcome

December 17th – Bell Ringing at the Church.

December 18th - Animals Special Night - Children's Christmas Play
at 2pm and 6:30 pm

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December 19th - Mums & Tots in the School at 1:30 p.m.

December 19th - Carols Around Ashton 6pm at The Old Crown

December 21st - Drop in and Book Exchange 10:30 'til 12:30 This is the place to meet people, have a coffee or tea, there is often home made cake and there are loads of books for all ages to buy (50p each). You can bring unwanted books along. The money raised goes to benefit the Church. There is also a stall selling plants, produce and seeds for the benefit of the **Wild Nature Garden** behind the Church.

December 23rd – Live Music from The Essentials at The Old Crown

December 25th – Christmas Day Holy Communion 8:15 am at St Michael's and All Angels

December 31st – Ugly Bug Ball at The Old Crown – Get into 2014 at the best party in the village

January 7th – Bell Ringing at the Church.

January 8th – Ashton Parish Council at 7:15 in the School
There is a public session and anyone can attend the meetings.

January 9th - Mums & Tots in the School at 1:30 pm

January 12th – Sunday School at the Church at St Michael's and All Angels Church,
Ashton at 10:30 a.m.

January 14th – Bell Ringing

January 16th - Mums & Tots in the School at 1:30 pm

January 18th - Drop in and Book Exchange 10:30 'til 12:30

January 19th – Family Service at St Michael's and All Angels Church, Ashton at 10:30 am

If you have items for the AVN and would like them included on the calendar would you cc them to me at
Sandra.lemon.uk@yahoo.co.uk.



Ashton Church of England Primary School News



I would like to say a huge thank you to the villagers of Ashton and surrounding villages and towns for welcoming me into the school and into the community as the new Head teacher.

I thought I would just update you on the first term at the school with a few of the highlights.

The children have worked hard during their topics of pirates, the human body, electricity and India. We have had lots of exciting visits, including a trip to Pirate Island Golf in Milton Keynes, a Hindu visitor into school and also some first aid training for the children in school.

The children have achieved well in cluster sporting activities in football and tag rugby.

Currently we are working on the Christmas production and rehearsals are beginning to take shape. **Performances of "The Animals Special Night" will take place on Wednesday 18th December at 2pm and 6.30pm.** Members of the local community are very welcome to join us for the afternoon performance where refreshments will be served and a free raffle for senior citizens will take place. If you would like to come and see the performance please contact the school on 863189 for further information.

Many thanks

Melanie Whitlock

Headteacher, Ashton Church of England Primary School

Road Surgery Carers Meetings

Road Surgery and the Patient Participation Group (PPG) are holding a regular series of "Free Cafes for Carers". The meetings will give you the opportunity to air your thoughts and concerns as well as the opportunity to speak with other carers and gain information about support and help available for you.

The meetings are friendly and informal and centre on you as a carer. We have speakers who offer advice and assistance with common issues and offer information on additional support which could help you.

Next meeting is Wednesday 11th December at 12.30 at Road Surgery

Our speaker will be Sarah Hayle from Welfare Benefits Service who will be available to answer any questions you may have. If you are free please come along. Your thoughts and feeling are important and may well help others, and you may also find information and support which will help you.

The address for the meeting is:

Road Surgery, 16 London Road, Road, NN7 2NN – Tel. 01604 862218